

[12 MARCH, 2001] RAJYA SABHA

Mega Chemical Industrial Estate

1473. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3611 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd December, 2000 and state by when final decision in selecting cities for setting up of Mega Chemical Industrial Estates for Chemical and Petrochemical is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): While the need to set up an integrated mega chemical industrial estates in collaboration with State Governments has been identified, no decision regarding the location of such an Estate has been taken.

Foreign assistances for increasing forest areas

†1474. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme in operation at present to get assistance at international level from different countries for increasing forest areas in the country;

(b) what was the basis of division of Uttar Pradesh forestry project, after creation of Uttaranchal State; and

(c) what is the share of Uttaranchal in this project?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir. However, the Ministry of Environment and Forests have formulated National Forestry Action Programme (NFAP), a comprehensive strategic long term plan for the next twenty years to bring one third of the area of the country under forest/tree cover and to arrest de-forestation for achieving sustainable development of forests. The implementation of NFAP requires huge

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

financial resources and it is estimated that Rs.133903 crores would be required over the next twenty years. The availability of internal resources to this vital sector is inadequate. A Compendium of Project Profiles has been formulated to mobilise external assistance for implementation of this Programme.

(b) Formal division of World Bank assisted Uttar Pradesh Forestry Project has not been effected as yet after the creation of Uttaranchal State.

(c) Does not arise.

Zoos in the country

1475. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of recognized Zoos in the country and the location thereof;

(b) whether any action is being taken by Government to improve the conditions therein, the housing and health care of the animals living there;

(c) if so, the details of steps taken in this regard during the last three years; and

(d) the details regarding the funds released by the Central Zoo Authority during the same period, year-wise and zoo-wise?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) State-wise list of recognized Zoos is given in the inclosed Statement-I (See below).

(b) and (c) Main steps taken by the Central Zoo Authority for improved housing and health care of animals are as follows:

- (i) Minimum standards for housing, upkeep and veterinary care of animals in Zoos have been prescribed.
- (ii) Technical and financial assistance to Zoos for their proper management and development on scientific lines is provided.
- (iii) With a view to improve animal housing and health care of